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SUBJECT PERIODIC LOW-LEVEL ACTIVITIES OF THE MARXIST  
"REVOLUTIONARY FRONT 17 OCTOBER" XFR 17

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LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IS CARRIED OUT BY THE

"REVOLUTIONARY FRONT 17 OCTOBER" XFRONTE REVOLUCIONARIO 17 de Octubre

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17 DE OCTUBRE - FR-17), A MARXIST GROUP DEDICATED TO  
ACHIEVING POWER THROUGH VIOLENCE.

HOWEVER, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FR-17 THUS FAR  
HAVE BEEN MAINLY OF A LOW-LEVEL, PROPAGANDA NATURE.

COMMENT: THE DATE 17 OCTOBER IS SIGNIFICANT, IN THAT IT IS  
PERONIST LOYALTY DAY.)

THE FR-17 CAME INTO EXISTENCE IN MAY 1975 AS THE  
RESULT OF THE MERGER OF THE "PERONIST REVOLUTIONARY  
FRONT" (FRP) AND THE "REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT-17" (MR-17).  
BOTH THE FRP AND THE MR-17 HAD EMBRACED A MILITANT,  
MARXIST IDEOLOGY AND ATTEMPTED TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES  
BY INFILTRATING PERONIST SECTORS TO FORM A REVOLUTIONARY  
PERONIST MOVEMENT. THE FR-17 HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH ITS  
GOALS IN THREE STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE CALLS FOR OBTAINING  
THE SUPPORT OF STUDENTS, WORKERS AND THE POORER CLASSES  
AND FROM THESE SECTORS FORMING A BROAD-BASED POLITICAL  
MOVEMENT, "THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION",  
AND A MILITARY "NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY". IN CORDOBA,  
SPECIFICALLY, THE FR-17 HOPES TO CREATE A LEGAL POLITICAL

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FRONT. THE SECOND STAGE ENTAILS A LARGE-SCALE MILITARY,  
TERRORIST OFFENSIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING CONTROL OF  
THE COUNTRY. THE THIRD STAGE IS THE PROCESS INVOLVED IN  
CREATING A MARXIST STATE.

3. [REDACTED] THE FR-17 HAS ABOUT  
150 ADHERENTS, WHICH INCLUDE BOTH MILITANTS AND SYMPATHIZERS,  
AS WELL AS THE FR-17'S YOUTH GROUP, THE JUVENTUD FRENTE  
REVOLUCIONARIO (JFR-17 OR JR-17). THE FR-17 HAS PEOPLE  
IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, GREATER BUENOS AIRES, LA PLATA  
AND CORDOBA.

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COUNTRY ARGENTINA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT STATUS REPORT ON THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY  
AS PREPARED BY THE INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE OF  
THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE

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1. [REDACTED]

A SPECIAL REPORT [REDACTED] ON THE STATUS  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY AND ITS POLITICAL ARM, THE REVOLU-  
TIONARY WORKERS PARTY (ERP/PRT). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE

POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE ERP/PRT IS COMPOSED OF SIX PEOPLE: LUIS

MATTINI; EDUARDO RAÚL MERIBA, ALIAS "ALBERTO";

JOYAREABAAL (FNU), ALIASES "EL VASCO" AND "DANIEL"; JULIO

CESAR SANTUCHO, ALIAS "ENRIQUE", AGUSTIN SANTUCHO OHLER, ALIAS

"CHISPA"; AND ENRIQUE HAROLD GORRIARAN, ALIAS RICARDO RODRIGUEZ, ALIAS

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"PELADO" AND "RICARDO", THE ERP/PRT MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS FIVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED] REPORT, THE ERP/PRT HAS SUFFERED FINANCIALLY AND WAS CONSEQUENTLY PROVIDED A LOAN OF U.S. \$500,000 BY THE MONTONEROS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN EARLY

JULY 1976 MARIO ANTUCHO, THEN COMMANDER OF THE ERP, HAD REQUESTED MONEY FOR THE ERP FROM MARIO FIRMENICH, COMMANDER OF THE MONTONEROS, BUT FIRMENICH REFUSED, POINTING OUT THAT THE ERP ALREADY OWED THE MONTONEROS U.S. \$600,000. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE U.S. \$500,000 ABOVE REPRESENTS PART OF THE U.S. \$600,000 THE ERP OWED THE MONTONEROS OR IS A NEW LOAN.) THE [REDACTED] REPORT ALSO STATES EO25x1

[REDACTED] THE PROPOSED UNIFICATION OF THE ERP/PRT AND THE MONTONEROS HAD NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED AS OF AUGUST 1976, BUT [REDACTED] THE ERP CONTINUES TO FAVOR JOINT OR COORDINATED ACTIONS WITH THE MONTONEROS. THE ERP/PRT IS CRITICAL OF THE MONTONEROS FOR FAILING TO HAVE A CLEARLY DEFINED MARXIST ORIENTATION.

3. THE ERP/PRT HAS REMAINED A PART OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR), A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF VARIOUS SUBVERSIVE GROUPS OF THE SOUTHERN CONE. THE ENTITY USED BY THE JCR FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IS THE ARGENTINE CENTER OF INFORMATION AND SOLIDARITY (CAIS) WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS, FRANCE. ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED] REPORT, THE CAIS HAS BEEN HAVING INTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE AFFECTED ITS PROPAGANDA OUTPUT ON BEHALF OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS. THESE PROBLEMS CONCERN INFIGHTING BETWEEN RODOLFO MATTAROLLO, ALIAS RAUL NAVAS, A MILITANT ERP; AND LUIS CERRUTI AGOSTA, A MONTONERO INVOLVED WITH THE CAIS. PART OF THE DIFFICULTY IS ALLEGEDLY DUE TO AN EFFORT BY THE MONTONEROS TO ASSUME AUTHORITY OVER SUBVERSIVE MATTERS IN ARGENTINA.

THE [REDACTED] REPORT STATES THAT THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THE JCR, THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE "HUGO," MAY HAVE SENT VOLUNTEERS TO ANGOLA FOR TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORMATION OF A RESERVE UNIT TO

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PARTICIPATE IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS IN ARGENTINA WHEN CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

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SUBJECT INTENTION OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AS A MATTER OF POLICY

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1. IT IS CUBAN GOVERNMENT POLICY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THUS,

CUBA WILL NOT BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AS A

5 RESULT OF THE DISAPPEARANCE ON 9 AUGUST 1976 OF TWO CUBAN EMPLOYEES

4 3 OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. ALTHOUGH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

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HAS NO PROOF, IT IS CONVINCED THAT THE TWO WERE ARRESTED AND  
KILLED BY SOME RIGHTIST/TERRORIST FACTION OF THE ARGENTINE  
POLICE OR ARMED FORCES.

2. CUBA CONSIDERS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FASCIST AND  
REPRESSIVE. TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS ALMOST AT A  
STANDBY. RELATIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE AS LONG AS  
ARGENTINA MAINTAINS ITS CURRENT DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES.  
THE BAD RELATIONS THAT ALREADY EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES  
WORSENED AS A RESULT OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TWO CUBANS IN  
AUGUST. EVEN THOUGH RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY STRAINED,  
CUBA INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THEM.

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